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INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property/District Name: _Forest Hill	Survey Number: HA-1949
Project: MD 24/Jarrettsville Road intersection improveme	nt Agency: <u>SHA</u>
Site visit by MHT Staff: <u>X</u> no <u></u> yes Name	Date
Eligibility recommended X Eligibility not recomm	ended
Criteria: X_AB X_CD Considerations:AB	CDEFGNone
Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if ne	cessary and attach map)
Based on the information provided by SHA, the village of County meets National Register Criteria A and C as an his community is composed of approximately 60 properties, lacentury vernacular dwellings, but also including a gener Despite some modern intrusions, the village retains a high a sense of the turn-of-the century crossroads community intersection of Rocks Spring Road (MD 24) and old Jarret largely rural agricultural area of Northwestern Harford Cou 19th century, the town consisted of a store and Quaker Meeti as a few houses. It was not until the arrival of the Maryl 1880 that the town took off. The village served as commensuately community in the served as commensuately community in the served as commensuately community.	storic district. The crossroads argely late 19th and early 20th ral store and railroad station. degree of integrity and conveys by. The town grew up at the tsville Road in the middle of a nty. In the third quarter of the ng House (neither extant) as well and and Pennsylvania railroad in
Documentation on the property/district is presented in:	Project File, Maryland Inventory ntoried resources within the HD)
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NR program concurrence: yes no not applicab Cuaul duty	le 5, 1996, Date

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MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

Ι.	Geographic Region:	
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X	Piedmont	Prince George's and St. Mary's) (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
	Western Maryland	(Allegany, Garrett and Washington)
II.	Chronological/Developmental Pe	eriods:
	Paleo-Indian Early Archaic Middle Archaic Late Archaic Early Woodland Middle Woodland Late Woodland/Archaic Contact and Settlement Rural Agrarian Intensification Agricultural-Industrial Transi Industrial/Urban Dominance Modern Period Unknown Period (prehistor	ition A.D. 1815-1870 A.D. 1870-1930 A.D. 1930-Present
III.	Prehistoric Period Themes:	IV. Historic Period Themes:
	Subsistence Settlement Political Demographic Religion Technology Environmental Adaption	Agriculture X Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning Economic (Commercial and Industrial) Government/Law Military Religion Social/Educational/Cultural Transportation
v. R	esource Type:	
	Category: <u>District</u>	
	Historic Environment:rura	al
	Historic Function(s) and Use(s	s): <u>Domestic, Commercial, Social, Religious</u>
	Known Design Source: <u>na</u>	
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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont (Harford County)

Chronological/Developmental Period (s): Industrial/Urban Dominance

AD 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme (s): Architecture, Landscape

Architecture, Community

Planning, Economic (Commercial

and Industrial), Religion,

Transportation

Resource Type:

Category: District

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function (s) and Use (s): Domestic/Single Dwelling/Residence

Commerce/Bank

Transportation/Rail-related/Train Station

Religion/Church

Known Design Source (write none if unknown): Unknown

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Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form Magi No.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. HA 1949

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The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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Continuation Sheet 7.1 Description

The Forest Hill Historic District is a small rural village located northwest of Belair, and in the center of the largely agricultural county of Harford County, Maryland. Composed of approximately sixty properties, it retains a high degree of integrity despite the intrusion of some non-historic resources in the form of a new post office, bank, school and veterinary facilities, plus gas station, contemporary brick ramblers and industrial buildings.

The largely late nineteenth and early twentieth century simple vernacular dwellings which comprise the regular and orderly streetscapes range in style, but are mostly frame, two-story structures, with design affinities to foursquare, bungalow, cottage and cross-gable l-house styles.

This crossroads village grew up around the intersection of Rocks Spring Road (MD 24) and Old Jarrettsville Road. It was not until around the turn of the century that the village expanded beyond six structures, which included the Sehinauk and Roe Store and Quaker Meeting House near the crossroads, neither of which is extant. The Maryland and Pennsylvania (Ma and Pa) railroad which was built through the village in 1880 was the main impetus for the development of the little country town.

Prior to the establishment of the Forest Hill Post Office in 1852 the crossroads was unnamed, referred to as the place where the road from Hickory to Cooptown crossed the road from Bellair [sic] to Raitts Mill (Liber HD29, Folio 232, Land Records of Harford County).

The town of Forest Hill is located on one of the highest points in Harford County, overlooking the Rocks of Deer Creek. Originally forested, it was part of the "Upper Node Forest". It was settled by the Quakers in the mid-nineteenth century. Prominent among the families settling in Forest Hill were the Vails, Roes, Hulls, Havilands and others. Lindley M. Vail came to Maryland from Quakertown, New Jersey, and settled in Forest Hill in 1865. The Quaker Meeting House, no longer extant, had been built fifteen-years prior to his arrival. As membership had dramatically declined by 1930, the meeting house remained unused for over a decade until it was removed in 1942.

The Roe and Tucker families were also prominent in the early history of Forest Hill. Despite the fact that currently there are no stores in Forest Hill, the crossroads community had traditionally been the location of at least one general

Continuation Sheet 7.2 Description

store, usually more, which sometimes housed a post office or served as the train depot for the Ma and Pa Railroad until a station was construction. The village served as a market center for the general area.

The original mercantile business at Forest Hill was established by John D. Roe prior to the Civil War. After returning to Forest Hill from serving in the Union forces, Eli Tucker formed a partnership with Mr. Roe and business expanded. Later Eugene Tucker became head of the firm of E. Tucker and Company. Under his guidance this became one of the largest mercantile concerns in rural Maryland. In 1914 the frame store building burned, and the business was relocated to the brick building (Kleins Store, HA-1273) sold to Mr. Klein in 1948, which is now the location of the Agricultural Extension Service.

Of the twelve or so businesses which existed in Forest Hill in the mid-twentieth century only four of the functions that were traditionally served are currently carried out (but as new operations and in new structures): the Chevron Gas Station in the northeast quadrant of MD 24 and Old Jarrettsville Road, Forest Hill Bank in the southwest quadrant, plus the Centre United Methodist Church (1905) north of the gas station, and the post office, located in a south (new) wing of Kleins Store.

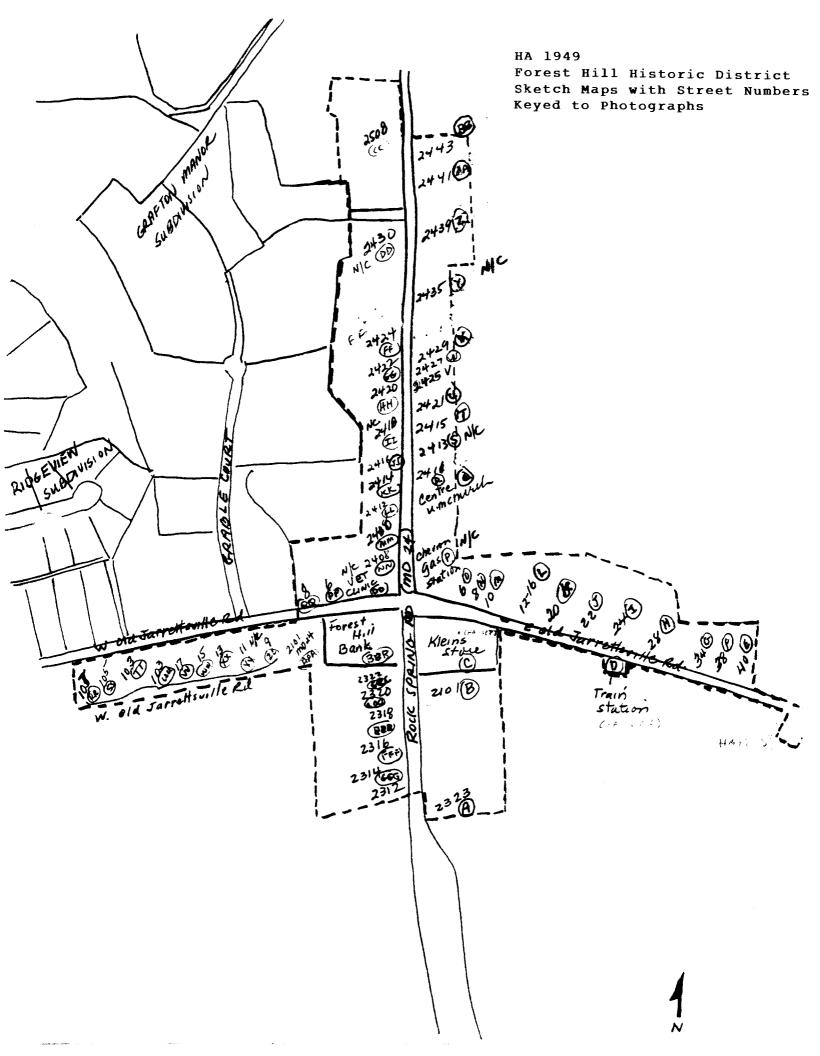
Typical dwellings in the village, mostly dating to the early decades of the twentieth century, include a wide range of vernacular forms, none of which are outstanding examples of any particular style, but which collectively create pleasing and coherent streetscapes. The buildings are situated with generally uniform setbacks from the road, with mature vegetation. Few if any period outbuildings remain.

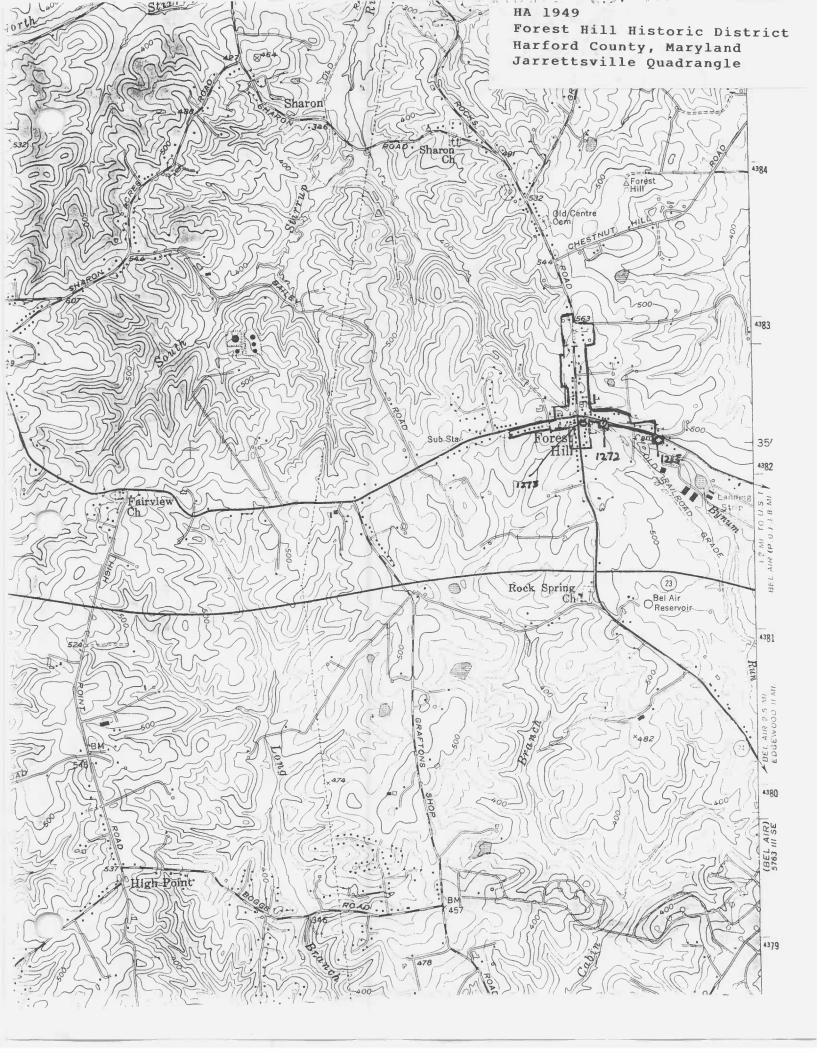
There are three previously identified resources which are already included on the Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties: Klein's Store (HA-1273)), a 1914 brick store greatly expanded, altered and currently used for offices of the Agricultural Research Service; the Forest Hill Railroad Station (HA 1272), currently used for offices; and the site of the Forest Friends Meeting House, (Quaker Meeting House) (HA-1215). The Meeting House is no longer extant, but the site is marked by the burial ground, currently included in the Friends Community County Park.

Continuation Sheet 8.1 Statement of Significance

The Forest Hill Historic District is significant historically for its role as a regional market center in central Harford County in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

Architecturally the district acquires significance from the residential structures, plus the Centre United Methodist Church and the former "Ma and Pa" Railroad station, dating primarily to the early decades of this century. Apart from two new structures at the crossroads (MD 24 and Old Jarrettsville Road), a new school, industrial buildings on the south side of E. Old Jarrettsville Road, and several new houses scattered through the small village, the Forest Hill Historic District exhibits a strong sense of historic integrity and continuity.







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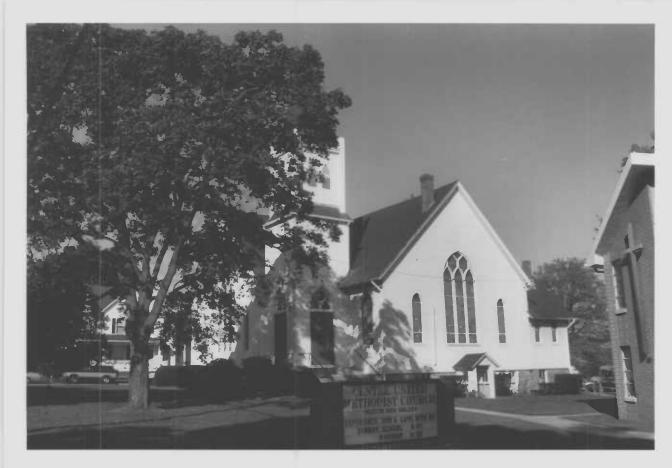
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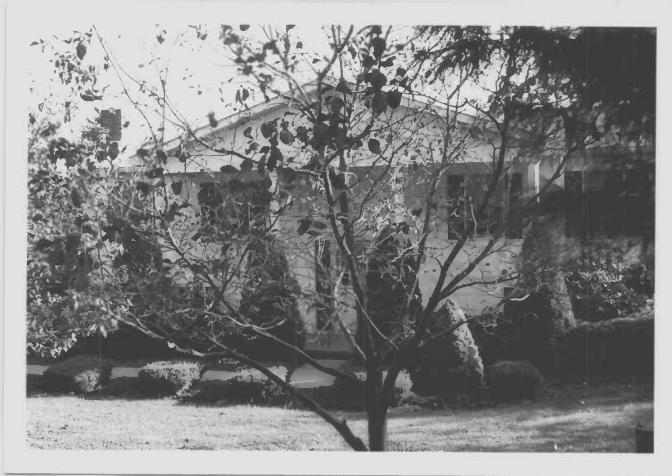
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